Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2847, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S11131-S11237

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2731–2746, S. Res. 338–342, and S. Con. Res. 47. Page S11205

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals from the Concurrent Resolution, Fiscal Year 2010". (S. Rept. No. 111–97)

S. 1490, to prevent and mitigate identity theft, to ensure privacy, to provide notice of security breaches, and to enhance criminal penalties, law enforcement assistance, and other protections against security breaches, fraudulent access, and misuse of personally identifiable information, with amendments.

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Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 71 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 340), Senate passed H.R. 2847, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, agreeing to the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Johanns Amendment No. 2393, prohibiting the use of funds to fund the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN).

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Durbin Modified Amendment No. 2647, to require the Comptroller General to review and audit Federal funds received by ACORN.

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Rejected:

By 36 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 336), Coburn Amendment No. 2631, to redirect funding of the National Science Foundation toward practical scientific research.

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Graham Amendment No. 2669, to prohibit the use of funds for the prosecution in Article III courts of the United States of individuals involved in the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. (By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 338), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, November 4, 2009, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, was agreed to.

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By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 335), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the committee-reported amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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By 42 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 337), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Coburn Amendment No. 2667, to reduce waste and abuse at the Department of Commerce. Subsequently, the point of order that the amendment would provide spending in excess of the subcommittee allocation was sustained, and the amendment thus fell.

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By 32 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 339), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 302(f) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, with respect to Ensign